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CAREER SERVICE COMMITTEE

Working Group on Honor Awards

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1. Minutes of the ninth meeting were approved as written. [] explained the IAS reaction to the Working Group's proposals for longevity and honor awards. [] admitted that he could perceive no security objection to the use of numerals on the building pass to indicate years of service although some mechanical difficulties might be present. He informed the Working Group that IAS will probably be unable to approve the adoption of an honor awards system and can be expected to recommend against the approval of such a system in CIA.

2. Final action was taken on [] action introduced in the sixth meeting proposing that no separate device or medal be established to distinguish valorous service from other outstanding service. This action was rejected by the Group which agreed that a separate valor award in but one class be recommended to the Career Service Committee.

3. [] then proposed that the award for valor be known as the Intelligence Cross for Valor and that the three grades of achievement award be designated as follows:

Intelligence Medal for Distinguished Service
Intelligence Medal for Exceptional Service
Intelligence Medal for Meritorious Service

[] proposed that when recommendations are sent to the Career Service Committee that a choice of names for these awards be given the Committee and suggested the following alternates:

National Security Medal for Distinguished Service
National Security Medal for Exceptional Service
National Security Medal for Meritorious Service
National Security Cross for Valor

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Medal for Distinguished Service
Medal for Exceptional Service
Medal for Meritorious Service
Cross for Valor

These suggestions were unanimously approved by the Working Group.

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3. [] offered a motion that the decision of the Working Group recommending over-printing of building passes with 10, 20, or 30 to indicate years of service be supplemented as follows:

In addition to the over-print, each recipient of a long-service award be presented with a fountain pen desk set where appropriate or a pocket fountain pen where appropriate, bearing a numeral denoting years of service and a reproduction of the Agency seal. During the time the recipient remains with the Agency these are to be considered government property for which the individual is accountable. Upon his resignation or separation from the Agency they become a gift to him. This was approved unanimously by the Working Group.

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4. A subcommittee consisting of the Chairman, Messrs. [] [] will meet on 1 August to prepare a staff study representing the final conclusions and recommendations of the Working Group.

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